

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
WEW - Monitoring Device 
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Background

The Proposed Action is a cooperative avian research project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Data would be collected to assess and monitor migratory birds. The project is long-term: five years of breeding season banding is required to get usable data, and 10 years is ideal. Long-term data sets allow assessment of population trends over time, minimizing bias due to natural variability. The activities would occur on a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) parcel located on the Hansen site in T17S, R5W, Section 24 near Eugene, Oregon.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action would include pruning branches or brush that are less than six inches in diameter breast height and installing temporary avian mist nets. The temporary avian nets would be installed from early May through August. Methods include 2 people running a station consisting of 10 mist nets, once every 10 days. Nets would be set up in avian flyways and near forest edge to maximize capture rates. The station would be centered near the BLM/Corp boundary, at the western edge of the Corps' Royal Amazon Research Natural Area, and would include nets on both sides of the boundary. Net locations would take advantage of natural openings, but may require pruning branches or brush to open flyways of approximately 2x12 meters ahead and behind the nets. The proposed action is consistent with the West Eugene Wetland Plan (2002) and the Eugene District ROD/RMP (June 1995), as amended.

Decision

The Proposed Action described above is approved to be implemented during calendar years 2004 through 2009.

Rationale

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in Departmental Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5 C.4) "Nondestructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research and monitoring activities." The proposed action does not meet any of the exception criteria and therefore an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not necessary. Improving our understanding of bird populations and their needs will facilitate better land management decisions.

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is the installation of a temporary avian mist nets and the pruning of branches or brush that are less than six inches in diameter breast height

Review the proposed action against each of the 10 criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and **MUST** be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, flood plains, etc.)	None
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	None
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	None
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	None
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	None
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	None
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	None - <i>Mitigated</i> 5/14/04 <i>Sally</i> 5/14/04
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (flood plain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	Not Applicable
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Native American law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	None

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Date: 5/14/04

The above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

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